



San Miguel/ Mora County News Release Calf Canyon/ Hermits Peak Fire



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Daily Information Update

LAS VEGAS - Firefighters got relief overnight from Red Flag conditions; however, another Red Flag Warning is forecast for today from 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM. Winds will now calm down overnight for several days and the night shift added several additional crews to take advantage of this. Yesterday aircraft was grounded due to the high winds, and today they plan to be up early before the winds pick up. Today the concern continues to be spot fires, where winds blow embers ahead of the fire and start new ones. In areas with a downgraded evacuation status, please be careful of firefighters, utility workers, and others as you go back to your homes. **Taos County and Colfax County have issued Ready and Set notifications for some areas as the fire moves north. Residents of San Miguel, Mora, Taos, and Colfax counties should remain on high alert for changes to evacuation statuses and road closures.**

Please be advised that drones are prohibited in the temporary flight restriction zone which is outlined on the map. If drones enter the flight zone, firefighting aircraft are grounded.

Fire Personnel in Mora County- Please do not utilize the hydrants for filling apparatus. Fill with non-potable water.

Restrictions: The Santa Fe National Forest has expanded the closure order due to the fire to include the entire Pecos/Las Vegas Ranger District and has implemented forest-wide Stage 2 fire restrictions. Full closure order and map are available at www.fs.usda.gov/detail/santafe/alerts-notice/?cid=stelprd3802009

County Fire Restrictions: All open burning (burning of crop land, fields, range land, debris, burning slash piles, prescribed burning or weed burning) in San Miguel County, shall be banned throughout the unincorporated areas of the County, and the provisions of SMC Ordinance 03-9-99ORD are in effect. This ban shall prohibit any person from having, causing, starting, igniting and/or using open flame outside of a building, structure, automobile, or other enclosed area anywhere, throughout the unincorporated portions of San Miguel County.

Weather: On the southern end, winds will be south to southwest 25 to 30 mph with gusts to 50. In the Mora River Valley, winds will be south to southwest 15 to 20 mph with gusts 30 to 35. Maximum temperatures will be in the upper 60's to low 80's. Minimum relative humidity values will be 6 to 12%.

Smoke: An interactive smoke map at <https://fire.airnow.gov/> allows you to zoom into your area to see the latest smoke conditions.

Power Outages: Power has been shut down in some evacuated areas. Lines will be re-energized when conditions are safe for fire personnel and law enforcement. Power has been restored to the community of Mora, for the purpose of water distribution, by authorization of the Incident Management Team.

LIVESTOCK OWNERS: If you have livestock within the evacuation zone, contact NM State Police Dispatch at 505-425-6771 to coordinate a safe escort to your property to feed your animals. Do not enter the evacuation area un-escorted.

Property Losses: To complete the Calf Canyon and Hermits Peak Property Damage Survey, fill out the online form: <https://forms.gle/f4fGE28AEGzZbbBKA>. For help with the survey please call 505-425-9333. You can also find information on the San Miguel County Website <https://co.sanmiguel.nm.us/>.

Future Fire Information: The Hermits Peak and Calf Canyon Fires Information office hours are 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM. The phone number for fire information is 505-356-2636. The email address is 2022.calfcanyon@firenet.gov. Future fire information will continue to be posted on [Inciweb](#), the [SFNF Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), [SFNF website](#), and [New Mexico Fire Information website](#).

To sign up for RAVE alerts. Text SMCNOTIFY to 67283.

Updates will be posted on San Miguel County OEM, San Miguel's County Sheriff's, Mora County Sheriff's, and Fire Department Facebook pages.

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